

House Resolution No. 4898

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the teaching profession; and

Whereas, John Rutledge, an esteemed resident of Mt. Vernon, Missouri, was named the 2003-2004 State Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Trade and Technical Association, a sub-section of the Missouri Association of Career and Technical Education; and

Whereas, the State Teacher of the Year award is presented annually to individuals who have taught three to five years, and who have made significant contributions to or achieved prominence in their field; and

Whereas, John Rutledge has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youth by teaching automotive technology at Franklin Technical School in Joplin for the past five years, prior to which time he owned Rutledge Oil Company, a second generation family business; and

Whereas, since becoming a teacher in 1999, John Rutledge has helped to expand the automotive technology class at Franklin Technical School, which was enlarged and remodeled in order to accommodate increased enrollment; and

Whereas, John Rutledge has also worked to obtain more than \$300,000 in tools, equipment, and training simulators for the school; and

Whereas, John Rutledge has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Becky; his three sons, Kelsey Rutledge of Lamar, Clark Rutledge of Duenweg, and Cory Rutledge of Mt. Vernon; his two daughters-in-law, Megan and Melissa; and his granddaughter, Katelynn;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to John Rutledge at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2003-2004 State Teacher of the Year, John Rutledge.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Goodman
District No. 132

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4898, adopted December 30, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker